

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled meeting of October 7, 2008 to order at 6:30 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President John Langs, Council Members Dave Sims, Connie Wells, and Dave Gray, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, Police Chief Rick Alonzo, Economic Development Coordinator Mike Sloan, and City Attorney Tim Wilson. Also present were Nancy Mabile and Jim Deffenbaugh from Panhandle Area Council, Don and Gayle Alexander, Dick Staples, Jay Cohn, and Marcia Cossette.

Gayle Alexander spoke regarding the All Class Reunion scheduled to be on August 1, 2009. She said there will be a street dance and big gathering downtown and usually Main Street is closed for the event. Mayor Anderson asked if Swish is scheduled for the first weekend of August. Gayle said Judy Swing has spoken to Brett about the tournament and he did not see it as a problem. Mayor Anderson said we will agendaize this for the next meeting and the city will not have a problem sponsoring the event. He also told the group that the National Guard meets the first weekend of the month.

Nancy Mabile spoke regarding the HUB regional transportation study and the Gem Community Grant. She said the total should be \$300,000 for Idaho. Jim said an initiative was started about three years ago to create a transportation hub. He said the State of Washington and Avista have pledged funding and Idaho is supposed to put forth funding to support this project also. The Gem Community Grant is for \$50,000 and Bonners Ferry is being asked to sponsor the grant because we are a port for entering Canada and also we have not had a Gem grant for quite awhile. Committing to this would not eliminate Bonners Ferry's ability to go out for Gem grants in the future. The Gem Grant funding will be put in the pool with other sources to support the transportation study. Jim said the State is in favor of this grant for the transportation study. Mayor Anderson said he attended the meeting at the visitor center last year. He asked what artery into Canada will be used as a transportation route into Canada and if we support the grant if our access will be used as a portal. Jim said our portal would make more sense because we also have rail access. Jim thinks this grant will be funded. John Langs asked what the next step is. Jim said the federal government has supported the study but they are waiting on other funding sources to continue with the study. Jim said the State of Idaho will put in \$250,000 also. John asked how far in the future we are looking for this plan to be in place. Jim said the initiation could start relatively quickly. He spoke about improvements on highway 95. Dave Sims asked what prompted Avista to be involved in this project. Jim said they have quite an interest in the property they have at the airport and they can lease out this property. Jim said there is no recourse to the city for repayment of the Gem Grant if the project does not come through. He said if Panhandle Area Council (PAC) fronts the money then the city will pay PAC back when the grant goes through. John Langs moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Gem Community Grant and support the project. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Dave Sims “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”. Nancy and Jim left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Mayor Anderson moved item number 16 regarding the Planning and Zoning amended plat for Badger Block Subdivision to be considered earlier in the meeting. Dick Staples spoke to council regarding the amended plat and said that John and Jan Taft are considering selling the Badger Den and need to amend the plat for parking for the restaurant and the other building owned by John and Jan Taft. Mayor Anderson asked if there were traffic problems in the area. Rick

Alonzo said he does not see problems there. Dave Sims moved to approve the amended plat for Badger Block Subdivision based on the findings and facts and recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Committee. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Dave Sims “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Rick Alonzo gave the police report. He said there has been one DUI, four accidents, one aggravated assault, and things have been a bit quiet since the last meeting.

Pat Warkentin gave the fire report. He said he is playing catch up but that is to be expected. The fire department has been quiet since the last meeting. The fire department responded to the grain truck accident and a traffic accident at the south city limits near the Forest Service corner. He said Paradise Valley Fire also responded to the accident south of town and they took over the traffic control when they arrived. The fire department had a class on how to shut off fuel from spilling from a tanker truck. He said the tanks are a potential hazard from a fire standpoint.

Stephen gave the administrators report. He said there is a public purchasing class to be held at ITD on October 23, 2008 in Coeur d’Alene. He said Horizon Landscape is working to clean up the area near the visitor center where the grain spill was. Stephen said the electric department completed the tie switch project in less time than was anticipated and commended the work of the electric department. There is a meeting with Northern Lights and Bonneville Power Administration on the substation purchases. Tamarack Lane is nearly completed and if the weather permits it will be finished soon. B.F. Builders will start cutting the floor from the pool this week. John Langs inquired about the water system upgrades and asked for more information at the next council meeting to keep up to date on the projects.

John Langs moved to approve the consent agenda. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval to pay accounts payable and payroll; approval of September 16, 2008 regular council meeting minutes and special council meeting minutes of September 4, 2008, September 24, 2008, and September 30, 2008; and approval for Tammy Stemmene to attend the Idaho State Controller’s Conference for Payroll and Accounting in Post Falls on October 15, 2008.

The resort tax ordinance summary was discussed. This is a legality to have it approved by city council. Dave Sims moved to approve the resort tax ordinance summary. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Dave Sims “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Dave Gray moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the ITD Traffic Enforcement Mobilization Grant paperwork. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Dave Sims “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Rick Alonzo asked for the purchase of a rifle is to get the last car up to standards and the purchase of the taser to make it possible for all officers to carry a taser. Rick said the rifle is \$1,500 and the taser is \$900. Dave Gray asked if there are lights included on the rifle. Rick said the price does not include lights. Dave wants to get lights on the rifles. Rick said he is trying to upgrade the computers upstairs so he is asking for authorization to spend up to \$2,500 for computer equipment upgrades. Dave Gray moved to authorize up to \$5,000 be spent for a rifle,

taser, and computer upgrades. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Wages for the Deputy Police Chief were discussed. He is currently making \$17.41 per hour and Rick was making about \$21.00 when he was investigator. Mayor Anderson said the wages need to be retroactive to when Joel took over as Deputy Police Chief. He is thinking about appointing a short term wage equalization committee to look at all city wages. He is thinking about Connie, Dave Gray, Stephen, and Kris to sit on this committee. Mayor Anderson suggested giving Joel another \$1.50 per hour. Dave Sims wants to make sure the wages are negotiated before a person is promoted. Rick said he just assumed that when someone is appointed to a position that they take over the pay of the previous employee. Dave Gray believes that when a person takes over a position that they should receive the pay of the position and he spoke about the Deputy Police Chief and the Police Chief positions. Dave Sims said he understands that Joel is doing the same job that Rick did and asked Rick how many years he did the job. Rick said he did it for eight years. Dave said he thinks the experience is worth a lot. Connie agreed with Dave Sims about the experience. Rick said Joel does have skills that he did not and spoke about the drug dog and the tribe funding that he has garnered. John Langs moved to adjust the wages of the Deputy Police Chief to \$21.17 per hour and the Police Chief wages to \$25.43 per hour. Dave Gray seconded the motion. Dave Sims said the previous police chief was salaried. John Langs said he would like to have the police chief be salaried but the hourly rate of \$25.43 is the breakdown of that salary. Mayor Anderson would like to go forward with the wage committee and review the wages of the city employees. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Dave Sims “yes”, Connie Wells “abstained”, Dave Gray “yes”.

John Langs moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Idaho Department of Commerce grant paperwork for engineering services reimbursement on Phase 2 of the water project. Dave Sims seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Dave Sims “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

The date of the police chief and deputy police chief raises will be retroactive to their hire date. John Langs made the motion and Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Dave Sims “yes”, Connie Wells “abstained”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Stephen recommended that Asplundh be contracted with for right of way clearing for power lines. He would like to table the Eich Logging contract until the next meeting because he would like to solicit Allen Flory for a quote also. Dave Sims moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Asplundh Tree Services not to exceed \$20,000 for power line right of way clearing. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Dave Sims “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Dave Sims authorized the Mayor to send a letter of support for the Senior Hospitality Center transportation grant. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Stephen spoke regarding the billing policy amendment. The proposed amendment is for service retirements and for services that have not been used for a significant period of time. Dave Sims inquired about the people who have services and the change in this policy. Tim Wilson does not see a problem with this because the city is protecting its property with this amendment. Dave

Sims moved to approve the billing policy amendment. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Stephen spoke to council regarding the Planning and Zoning recommendation to approve the Dos Ramos Subdivision. He showed them a map of the area near Brownie Street. The proposal is to carve off a lot that now has a duplex on it. Stephen said the area is close to Jim Marx's property. The city is asking for additional right of way. Dave Sims asked if there were members of the public at the Planning and Zoning hearing. Stephen said there were several people at the hearing but they did not speak. Dave Gray moved to approve the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Committee to approve the Dos Ramos Subdivision based on the findings and facts. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Dave Sims “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Dave Anderson recommended appointment of Brad Hanson as a Planning and Zoning member. John Langs moved to confirm the Mayor's recommendation. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mayor Anderson recommended appointing Pace-Kerby as our health insurance agent with the renewal of the city's health insurance on November 1, 2008. Mayor Anderson said there is no problem with Greg Helbling as he is a great person. John Langs moved to appoint Darrell Kerby at Pace-Kerby Agency as the agent for the city's health insurance. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

At 7:41 p.m. Dave Sims moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 (c) and (f). Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. At 8:00 p.m. executive session ended. No action was taken.

The group discussed the resort tax issue. The city will write a letter to the editor supporting the resort tax issue.

Stephen said Mike Normandu has offered to come up and speak with council regarding the BPA contract. Council would like him to come the first meeting in November.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk